Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

30-37 (canceled)

38. (previously presented) A method of effectively treating pain in humans or other mammals, comprising administering to a patient an analgesic combination consisting essentially of nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof such that the dosing interval of the nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof overlaps with the dosing interval of the oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and the oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof are administered orally.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and the oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof are administered in a single oral dosage form.

41. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof would be sub-therapeutic if administered without the nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

42. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is administered before, simultaneously with, or after administration of the oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, such that the dosing interval of the nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof overlaps with the dosing interval of the oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

43. (previously presented) A method of reducing the oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof required to treat a patient affected with pain, comprising co-administering said oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof with nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to augment the analgesia attributable to said oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof during at least a portion of the dosage interval of said oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

44. (previously presented) A method of reducing the amount of nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof required to treat a patient affected with pain comprising co-administering said nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof with an effective amount of oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to augment the analgesia attributable to said nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof during at least a portion of the dosage interval of said nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

45. (canceled)

46. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the oxycodone and/or at

least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is present in an amount from about 2.5 mg to about 800 mg.

47. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the ratio of oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is from about 0.0001:1 to about 1:1.